Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 5, 6, 13 and 16 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 and add new Claim 23 to read as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

an upper substrate and a lower substrate; and

nematic liquid crystal sandwiched between said upper and lower ~~substrates;~~ substrates,

wherein a direction of uniaxial orientation of liquid crystal molecules on rubbing alignment layers formed on upper and lower substrates is ~~either~~ parallel ~~or anti-parallel;~~ so that a bend orientation is formed,

wherein the refractive index anisotropy of a liquid crystal composition having said nematic liquid crystal as the primary component thereof at 30°C is 0.150 or more, and

wherein a ~~temperature~~ change of a retardation value of said liquid crystal device due to a temperature change ~~of Δn~~ of the liquid crystal composition is reduced by changing a pre-tilt angle of said liquid crystal device so as to change the orientation state of said liquid crystal molecules between said upper and lower substrates.

2. (Currently amended) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~refractive index anisotropy of a liquid crystal composition having said nematic liquid crystal as the primary component thereof at 30°C is 0.150 or more, and the~~ pre-tilt angle of liquid crystal molecules at 30°C at the substrate interface is from 10° to 45°.

3. (Previously presented) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the orientation of said upper and lower substrates is provided by an organic oriented film having a vertical or high pre-tilt angle, providing uniaxiality.

Claims 4-8 (cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, wherein said liquid crystal device is an electrically controlled birefringence type.

Claims 10-22 (cancelled)

23. (New) A liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, wherein said liquid crystal device is a bend orientation type.